

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

KAREN KELLEY, ISRAEL BARAJAS, ERIN  
ENGLUND, CHRISTINE LIGHTNER, and  
MICHAEL DUPREE, individually and each as  
representatives of a class of similarly situated  
individuals,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TEACHERS INSURANCE AND  
ANNUITY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA,  
TIAA-CREF INDIVIDUAL &  
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, LLC, TIAA  
TRUST, N.A., MORNINGSTAR  
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC,  
MORNINGSTAR INVESTMENT SERVICES,  
LLC, and MORNINGSTAR, INC.,

Defendants.

24-CV-05945 (JAV)

**NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT**

JEANNETTE A. VARGAS, United States District Judge:

This case has been reassigned to the undersigned. All counsel must familiarize themselves with the Court's Individual Practices, which are available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jeannette-vargas>. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, all prior orders, dates, and deadlines shall remain in effect notwithstanding the case's reassignment.

Additionally, by **February 18, 2025**, the parties are hereby ORDERED to file on ECF a joint letter, described below, updating the Court on the status of the case. The joint letter shall provide the following information, to the extent it is relevant, in separate paragraphs:

1. Names of counsel and current contact information, if different from the information currently reflected on the docket;
2. A brief statement of the nature of the case and/or the principal defenses thereto;

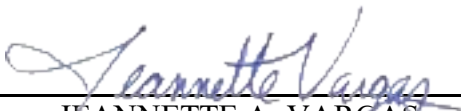
3. A brief explanation of why jurisdiction and venue lie in this Court. In any action in which subject matter jurisdiction is founded on diversity of citizenship pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1332, the letter must explain the basis for the parties' belief that diversity of citizenship exists. Where any party is a corporation, the letter shall state both the place of incorporation and the principal place of business. In cases where any party is a partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, or trust, the letter shall state the citizenship of each of the entity's members, shareholders, partners, and/or trustees;
4. A statement of all existing deadlines, due dates, and/or cut-off dates;
5. A statement of any upcoming conference dates with the Court and the matters that were to be discussed;
6. A brief description of any outstanding motions, including the date of the motion and the nature of the relief sought;
7. A statement and description of any pending appeals;
8. A detailed statement of all discovery undertaken to date, including how many depositions each party has taken and what, if any, discovery remains that is essential for the parties to engage in meaningful settlement negotiations;
9. A brief description of the status of prior settlement discussions, without disclosing exact offers and demands;
10. A statement of whether the parties have discussed the use of alternate dispute resolution mechanisms and indicating whether the parties believe that (a) a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge; (b) participation in the District's Mediation Program; and/or (c) retention of a privately retained

mediator would be appropriate and, if so, when in the case the use of such a mechanism would be appropriate;

11. Any other information that the parties believe may assist the Court in advancing the case to settlement or trial, including, but not limited to, a description of any dispositive or novel issue raised by the case.

If this case has been settled or otherwise terminated, counsel are not required to submit such letter or to appear, provided that a stipulation of discontinuance, voluntary dismissal, or other proof of termination is filed on the docket prior to the joint letter submission deadline, using the appropriate ECF Filing Event. *See* SDNY ECF Rules & Instructions §§ 13.17-13.19, available at [http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf\\_filing.php](http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php). Requests for extensions or adjournment may be made only by letter-motion filed on ECF, and must be received at least two business days before the deadline or scheduled appearance, absent compelling circumstances. The written submission must state (1) the original date(s) set for the appearance or deadline(s) and the new date(s) requested; (2) the reason(s) for the request; (3) the number of previous requests for adjournment or extension; (4) whether these previous requests were granted or denied; and (5) whether opposing counsel consents, and, if not, the reasons given by opposing counsel for refusing to consent.

Dated: February 4, 2025  
New York, New York

  
JEANNETTE A. VARGAS  
United States District Judge